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RACK ASSEMBLY AND
METHOD


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DETAILED DISCUSSION OF REFERENCES

Dear Sir,

The following is respectfully submitted as a detailed discussion of the references and how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references:

United States Patent No.4,258,967

There is disclosed an integral pivot and lock apparatus for slide rack mounted boxes. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 4,879,634

There is disclosed a rack mounted circuit board. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 4,977,532

There is disclosed an industrial computer system with removable equipment drawer. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 5,010,444

There is disclosed a rack mounted circuit board. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 5,216,579

There is disclosed a rack based packaging system for computers with cable, cooling and power management module. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 5,460,441

There is disclosed a rack-mounted computer apparatus. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 5,571,256

There is disclosed a server drawer slide mount apparatus for a rack-mounted computer system. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 5,684,671

There is disclosed a packaging architecture for a data server. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 5,877,938

There is disclosed a packaging architecture for a data server. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 5,896,273

There is disclosed a modular computer chassis interchangeable between stand alone and rack mounted states. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 6,025,989

There is disclosed modular node assembly for a rack mounted multiprocessor computer. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 6,058,025

There is disclosed a computer tailgate having expansion slot alignment pins. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 6,075,698

There is disclosed a removable fan for rack mounted rectifiers. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 6,220,456

There is disclosed a method and apparatus for supporting a computer chassis. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 6,305,556

There is disclosed a cable management solution for rack-mounted computers. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 6,315,249

There is disclosed a system for managing cables for a rack-mounted computer system. However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent No. 6,325,636

There is disclosed a passive midplane for coupling web server processing cards with a network interface(s). However, it does not disclose a vertical rack mounted computer device.

United States Patent Application No. 20030115323

There is disclosed an apparatus for monitoring mainframe computers at remote locations. However, it does not disclose the resetting of rack mounted computers.

United States Patent Application No. 20030084337


There is disclosed a remotely controlled failsafe boot mechanism and manager for a network device. However, it does not disclose the resetting of rack mounted computers.

All of the remaining references relate in computer systems, but none of them disclose, nor suggest, critical dimensions for facilitating high-density compact component mounting.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	C	US- 4,672,509	06.09.1987	Speraw	**
	D	US- 4,699,270	10.13.1987	Bohm	**
	E	US- 4,774,631	09.27.1988	Okuyama	**
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	EE	JP 8-278834			**	
	FF	JP 03-164999	07.16.1991	Kajiwaru Shinji	***	✓
	GG	JP 05-183282	07.23.1993	Fijita Shuhei	***	✓
	HH	JP 07-312494	11.28.1995	Nakagawa Ryoich	***	✓
	II	JP 08-172287	07.02.1996	Kaneko Masahiko	***	✓

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	LL	JP 63-50196			***	
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